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The Honorable Joel T. Breyhill
 U. S. House of Representatives
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Breyhill:

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Thank you for your letter of 15 November 1957 with regard to a suggestion that a temporary bridge be placed across the Potomac River during the time that the new headquarters building for the Central Intelligence Agency is under construction.

As you may know, I attended a meeting of the McLean Citizens Association on 14 November to discuss our plans and the impact of our locating in the Langley area. Representatives from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Virginia State Highway Commission, the National Capital Regional Planning Council, and the Bureau of Public Roads were also present and participated in the discussion. At this meeting the Association passed a resolution which, as I understand it, provides for the appointment of a five-man Roads Committee to insure, on behalf of the Association, that traffic problems will be minimized while our building is under construction. During the discussion which led to this resolution the gentleman who sponsored it suggested that arrangements be made to have the Army Engineers construct a Bailey bridge across the Potomac River.

We are, of course, studying ways to minimize traffic problems during the construction period and welcome any suggestions on this subject. We will take this recommendation into account in our consideration of the total problem; however, we do not believe that it is feasible to come to any final conclusions until a contractor has been selected and his intended construction methods are considered. It is estimated that we will award a construction contract sometime next summer and we propose to require the contractor to coordinate all aspects of his material delivery to the site with the local and state authorities.

Sincerely,

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